

tampering any evidence as the charge sheet was already filed in a criminal court.

Recruitments of Holder Degrees of Fake Universities in KVS

2891. SHRI R. N. ARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 723, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000 and state:

- (a) whether holders of B.Ed or equivalent degrees of some fake universities have been recruited by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and
- (b) if so, what are the details of such employees and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Arbitrary Orders of KVS

† 2892. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of some arbitrary orders of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, like change in the timing of primary classes, depositing of school fee in Bank by students or their parents and 70 per cent hike in school fee;
- (b) if so, what is the intention behind such orders and Government's reaction towards their likely impact on students and parents; and
- (c) what steps Government would take for withdrawal of the said order, with immediate effect?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Change in the timing of primary classes from 5 hours 35 minutes to 6 hours 10 minutes has been done with a view to give adequate focus on the academics and also keeping in view of the safety and security of students. The deposit of school fee in bank has been done with a view to ensure safety in handling cash and relieve the teachers from the same and giving attention to the studies. No tuition fee has been increased during

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the last one year except in the case of Kendriya Vidyalayas in project sector which are financed by sponsoring agencies where they have been permitted to prescribe such scale of fees as they may consider appropriate from the academic session 2000-2001. However, Pupil Fund, Maintenance & Development Fund and science Fund have been merged together as "Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi" w.e.f. 1.4.2000 with a view to facilitate carrying out of various students activities and increase in total amount is nominal. There is no proposal at present for withdrawal of the said orders.

Closure of Kendriya Vidyalayas

† 2893. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have closed Kendriya Vidyalayas in many States;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the State-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether Government are formulating any scheme to reopen them; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (b) Some kendriya Vidyalayas in the Project Sector, which are required to be fully funded by the Public Sector Undertakings are closed down when the Sponsoring Public Sector Undertakings fail to fulfil their financial commitments. Some Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Civil/ Defence Sector are closed or merged with neighbouring Kendriya Vidyalayas because of want of adequate number of students at those locations. Steps have, however, been taken to relocate these Kendriya Vidyalayas of the Civil/Defence Sector to start schools at other locations where the requirement was more.

(c) State-wise list of Kendriya Vidyalayas closed/merged since 1998-99 enclosed as Statement-I (*see* below)

(d) The sanction for Kendriya Vidyalaya closed/merged in the Civil/

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